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From the President

A hunting we will go.....In February, we at the El Cajon Club will hunt! But you can put away your hounds, your shotgun and rifles, because you won't have this fox for dinner. No, this fox is a hidden transmitter and we will hunt its location. Where I come from, we would call this fox hunting. Here in southern California, we call it T-hunting. It's the same thing. We have some very loyal fans to this activity. We will have a fox hunt (T-hunt) during the convention this summer. Fox hunting entails some skills that combine both radio knowledge and strategy of the hunt. Eric, W6LKK, will sponsor the program for February and bring his equipment and associates to explain the process to the rest of us neophytes. I believe that Eric will hide the transmitter and then go after it, explaining everything along the way. It should be fun and exciting. So don't miss out. And, by the way, any amateur operator can do this kind of t-hunting. All that you need is your technician license and you're on your way!

Speaking of Technicians, by the time that you receive this *Counterpoise* we will have started our class for would-be technicians. If you know of someone who would



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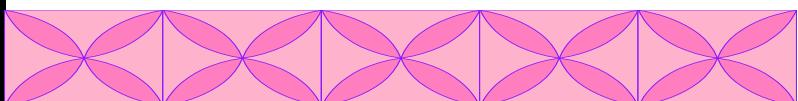
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MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 9, 2002

The President, Mike, N6OPH called the meeting to order at 1900 hrs. Following the pledge of allegiance, the guests were welcomed: Tom Debose, Stogie Miller, Tom Camilla.

There were approximately 54 members and guests in attendance.

GUEST SPEAKER: The Vice President introduced our guest speaker: Cmdr Trina Baldwin, USN. Officer Baldwin was the Naval Officer in Charge at United States McMurdo Station on Antarctica for a few years in the 1990's. The station is located approximately two hours flying time from the South Pole. The amateur radio station there is KC4USN. The presentation was well done and enthusiastically received.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: President Mike announced the 2002 Club committee assignments recommended by the Board to the membership.

It was mentioned that two additional persons also work the ARCEC swap meet: Galen, N6YBK, and Gary, N6LRV. Also, Larry, AE6AV, was added as SANDARC Delegate. In addition, Tuck, NZ6T, was appointed the Awards Chairman and Susan, KF6WXA, will be the new Finance Chairperson. Rich, N5EV, will chair a brand new committee for recruitment of new members. This was suggested by Steve, AD6VI, at the Board meeting for the purpose of gathering new membership and enthusiasm for the club. A motion made by Tuck, NZ6T, and seconded by Susan, KF6WXA, to approve the Committee assignments was accepted by the membership.

MEETING MINUTES: Hearing no corrections and no objections the president called the December meeting minutes approved as published in the Counterpoise newsletter

PRESIDENT: The president informed the membership of the vacancy of the office of Treasurer. He then told us of the Board's appointment of board member Nancy, KD6WUL, to the Treasurer's position. In addition to filling the new vacancy on the Board, the president appointed Xemi, KD6PRV, to the board as Affiliated Clubs chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hearing no objection nor corrections, the President called the report approved as read to be filed for audit.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Committee consisted of Lee, KN6HP; Nancy, KD6WUL; and Mike, N6OPH. The retiring Finance Chair, Lee, KN6HP, read her report of the 2002 Budget Committee as amended by the new Board of Directors. Lee was thanked by all for her years of service as Finance Committee chair and Auditor for the Club. The President introduced the new Treasurer who asked to speak on the new budget. Nancy, KD6WUL, mentioned that, notwithstanding the fact that we are a not-for-profit organization, we have very few funds left over after the projected income vs. expenses. Therefore, the membership needs to be aware that any additional expenditures in 2002 will be tapping into the savings account. A motion was made by John, KF6XY, and seconded by Frank, KN6HQ, to approve the 2002 Budget; it was passed by the membership.

VICE PRESIDENT: Rich, N5EV (n5ev@aol.com), reported that we will have a fox hunt presentation at the February 13, 2002 meeting. Rich is asking for volunteers for the new committee to help increase membership for the Club. Rich stated "We need to focus on our youth for the future of amateur radio. The Internet is a competitor to Amateur Radio. We can use this to our advantage to enlist more young people to our ranks."

Mike, N6OPH, mentioned that Amateur Radio's best face is that of our public service to the community.

HEALTH & WELFARE: Tuck reported that Irene Hague's husband Skip, a former long-time member of this Club, had fallen in October and is now confined to a wheelchair. Phil, W6BAS, is now at home with a big cast on his leg. Jim, KA6ZVX, is recuperating at his daughter's from surgery. Please place these folks in your prayers for healing and fast recovery. Tuck asked the membership to please contact him or an officer in the Club when you know of a member or their family needing mention or help.

MEMBERSHIP: Joni, KF6MPB, reported that, as of this evening, we have 108 paid up members. Our three guests signed up to join this evening. Joni wanted to let the membership know that, whenever you participate in Club activities that award participation points, you must ensure that you sign in so that you will be counted for those points. Early Bird Membership Drawing: Winner of the \$50.00 gift certificate was Len, AD6KL.

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like to get his ham ticket, send him my way and I will be happy to instruct him or her. I will be the instructor for this class on every Tuesday except the first Tuesday of each month. Come and join in the fun!!

73's, Mike Maston, N6OPH



Did You Know?

In George Washington's day, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs"; therefore, painting them would cost the buyer more, hence, the expression "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg".



January Birthdays

0063 WB6NMR	Angelo	Boccia	Feb.	02
0924 K5WFW	Len	Fulbright	Feb.	04
0986 KD6HWJ	Shirley	Green	Feb.	05
1483 KB6HBO	Lloyd	LaPlant	Feb.	06
0381 WD6FDD	Richard	Wilkerson	Feb.	07
0829 KC6OSK	Peg	Gentz	Feb.	09
0716 N6RUH	Bill	Berson	Feb.	14
1311 KE6AWN	Jim	Loomis	Feb.	14
0503 KA6QYE	Joe	Miller	Feb.	15
0974 KD6FKP	Tom	Bryan	Feb.	15
0540 W6YJM	Bill	Coleman	Feb.	16
0876 K6GTP	George	Roulland	Feb.	17
1569 N3IVO	Rosie	Falcon	Feb.	18
0800 W6LKK	Erich	Bennett	Feb.	19
0917 KB6CKM	Harold	Campbell	Feb.	19
1468 WA6RLV	John	Austin	Feb.	19
0680 N6NYX	Greg	Smith	Feb.	21
1090 KD6PRV	Anselmo	Ruiz	Feb.	21
0475 KF6XY	John	Cordle	Feb.	22
1563 KG6DVF	Larry	Reisinger	Feb.	22
1440 KD6NGU	Lewis	Aldrich	Feb.	24
1178 WA7JFC	Lucile	Banks	Feb.	25



**Happy
Birthday!!!!**

Belated January Birthday Wishes

1570 WA6LNF	Edward	Redman	Jan.	07
1573 KG6FBU	Steven	Sanders	Jan.	09
1580 KG6GCU	Donald	Ball	Jan.	10
1586 KG6GYV	Jimmy	Edwards	Jan.	15
1588 KF6ARX	Rich	Hall	Jan.	19
1574 KG6FBV	Calvin	Tyler	Jan.	22
1581 KG6BWN	Nicholas	Utscgug	Jan.	27

General Membership Minutes Continued

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NOTE: You can now renew your membership via email using the application form at the Club's website. Soon we will have a PDF form you can print out and mail with your payment if you prefer. Tom, KC6NXZ, has provided a revised brochure/application for new members to be placed at HRO, Gateway and Murphy's, etc..

COUNTERPOISE: Nancy, KD6WUL, mentioned that she needs articles for the newsletter and that the deadline is always the Sunday following the meeting — Jan 13 this month.

EDUCATION: Mike, N6OPH, announced a new class starting on Jan. 15th at 1900 hrs. at the El Cajon Fire Station at 160 E. Lexington Ave. El Cajon, CA every Tuesday thereafter for 7-8 Weeks. This will be followed by the code class in March.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Rich, N6NKJ, mentioned there will be a need for volunteers in April for the foot or bike race in Campo. More later. The second Saturday of each month is the SECT. ARES breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at Coco's on Balboa. Also, the NETS are Sunday evenings at 1900 hrs on 146.265 and eastern district at 19:35-45 hrs. on 147.420 Simplex if Repeater is still down.

TECHNICAL: The 2m repeater is off the air. However, this may be resolved by the time you read this. The President asked that the Autopatch issue be addressed as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS: Mike, N6OPH, performed the second reading of the proposed Bylaw change to Article 5, Paragraphs A & B. To paraphrase: the membership renewals would be changed to a 'rolling' year rather than requiring all renewals by Dec. 31st date. Since this was a motion from the previous meeting, the president asked for further discussions. Several members voiced their opinions. A vote was taken with 29 for and 19 against the proposal. However, John, KF6XY, asked if the Bylaws required a 2/3 majority. The president consulted the Bylaws and, after further discussions, the vote was invalidated for failing to achieve the required 2/3 majority of those present. Therefore, the motion did not pass.

The President then performed the second reading of the motion for proposed Bylaw change affecting Article 10 , Para. G. After reading the changes, Mike stated "Basically, this means the elimination of term limits for

the officers." Discussion of this motion was called for. It was mentioned by the originator, Tuck, that this was proposed due to our lack of volunteers for officers of the Club (as with the Treasurer this year) in order to save the Club. Several members brought forth their opinion both pro and con on this motion with much lively discussion. A motion was made by Tuck, NZ6T, and seconded by Rich, N5EV, to table this until next month. This was passed by voice vote of the membership.

There was some discussion about who was voting and who were paid Members or not paid members.

A motion was entertained by the President from Tuck and seconded by Steve, AD6VI, to have a paper ballot vote on this issue of 'term limits' whereby paid members could be verified and ballots tallied. After some lengthy discussions, this motion was passed by the membership.

A motion was made by Tuck and seconded by Tom, N6JOJ, to have interested persons place their opinions in writing and printed in the Club newsletter. There were very lengthy discussions about how many pros and cons would be printed, who would decide the write-ups to be entered, how long these should be and the possible burden placed upon the editor. The question was called for by Tuck, NZ6T, and recognized by the President. The resulting vote was 14 in favor and 19 opposed. Therefore, the motion to have pros and cons of term limit bylaw change printed in the newsletter was defeated by the membership present.

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan, KF6WX, and seconded by Roger, KE6PW. The motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 2137 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Caudle, KC6NXZ
Secretary, Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon



**"Every citizen [should] be a soldier.
This was the case with the Greeks
and the Romans and must be that
of every free state." — Thomas
Jefferson, letter to James
Monroe, 1813**

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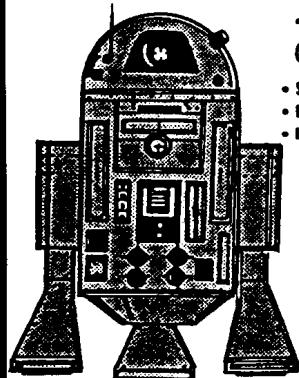
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